

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 12, 2016

I **HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 12 day of May, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Museum of Science has connected both children and adults alike with the invaluable knowledge that science provides since 1861, both through exhibits at the museum and the Tift Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, after an extensive nation-wide search, the Museum's Board of Directors decided on Marisa Wigglesworth, who comes to Buffalo from her position as Senior Vice President and Senior Philanthropy Officer of the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland where she led the major fundraising operations; and

WHEREAS, originally from Philadelphia, Ms. Wigglesworth was an executive at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, where she surpassed the goal of \$65 million dollars in a capital campaign for the State's most visited museum; and

WHEREAS, with a reputable background in fundraising and management, Ms. Wigglesworth comes to the Buffalo Museum of Science with the goals of providing opportunity for youth to explore and learn the critical 21st Century knowledge of science, expand on the Museum's ability to build the surrounding community, and continue the institute's commitment to promoting science; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wigglesworth recognizes that Buffalo's renaissance is booming in large part to the STEM industries, as it did originally a century ago, a fact which enticed her to come to Buffalo and be a part of the rebirth of our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to congratulate Marisa Wigglesworth as the new President and CEO of the Buffalo Museum of Science; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature wishes Ms. Wigglesworth well as she pursues her stated goals as the leader of the Buffalo Museum of Science and wholeheartedly welcomes her to our community.

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
Erie County Legislator, 1st District